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In The News...

Conserving water – To water-conscious San Diegans, it may come as a surprise that many California cities aren't mandated to install and use water meters. Instead, many of these cities charge their citizens a flat rate for usage, regardless of how much water they are using.

Last year, I authored legislation that would have mandated water meters in all California households. However, a watered-down version (pun intended) of my bill was passed, which excluded Sacramento from having to use water meters. This year I've introduced AB 2572, a follow up to last year's water meter bill which requires that Sacramento, among other cities, install and phase in the use of water meters within the next twenty years.

The *Sacramento Bee* recently published an article on the issue. To read it, go to:

<http://www.sacbee.com/content/politics/ca/story/8460625p-9389739c.html>

To read the text of AB 2572, go to www.leginfo.ca.gov and search by bill number or author.

Blue Ribbon Fire Commission to make recommendations

The Blue Ribbon Fire Commission, which was established to review the State's effort to fight the 2003 wildfires and provide recommendations to policy makers on how to prevent destruction from future fires, is in the process of finalizing their recommendations. The final meeting will be held in Los Angeles on March 18.

To access the fire commission's website, which includes information on their next meeting and presentations, notes and photos from prior Fire Commission Meetings, go to <http://www.oes.ca.gov/Operational/OESHome.nsf/0/3D3127F2BCFF01B688256DE3005FAF6E?OpenDocument>

Primary Election Results

The new voting machines and tight races made for an exciting Super Tuesday. Thanks to everyone who exercised his or her civic duty by voting. To view which candidates won which races, visit the San Diego County Registrar of Voters' web site and select the link "Countywide Election Results." The home page also provides links to a variety of information, including a directory of public officials. Their website address is: www.sdvote.com

Marston Middle School Career Day

One of the most interesting parts of my job as an Assemblymember is being able to visit schools and talk to students a little bit about what it's like to serve as an elected official. I was able to do this last Tuesday when I participated in Clairemont's Marston Middle School's Career Day.

Getting middle-school students interested in politics can be challenging. But after they discovered I work with "The Terminator," they became more engaged in the discussion and started asking questions about what type of education is necessary, how old you have to be to run for office, and how long you can serve. Because their Career Day was on 'Super Tuesday,' the Primary Election, the discussion about the electoral process was more real to them. Seeing them become interested in something they've perhaps never considered before is worthwhile.

If you're a teacher or a school administrator and would like me to visit your school, contact me at Assemblymember.kehoe@assembly.ca.gov



Kehoe speaks to Marston Middle School students at their Career Day

University Heights Community Association turns twenty

Long-time San Diego residents may remember when the Trolley Barn – located near Adams Ave. and Park Blvd. - was demolished in the early 1980s.

Were it not for the efforts of the University Heights Community Association, namely Janice and Eric Duvall who started the organization twenty years ago, a 150 unit apartment complex would have been built at the Trolley Barn site instead of the award-winning community park that was ultimately developed.

In addition to fighting for the Trolley Barn Park, the Community Association has worked to redevelop and revitalize their whole community by planting trees along northern Park Blvd, and by bringing building fronts and interiors back to original condition.

I'm honored to have worked the University Heights Community Association on a number of projects, and am delighted to wish them continued success for the future. For information on University Heights, go to <http://gothere.com/UniversityHeights/>



Assemblymember Kehoe joins University Heights residents at the University Heights Community Association's twenty-year anniversary celebration.

Gasoline saving tips

With the rising cost of gas, the Alliance to Save Energy offers consumers tips to cut gasoline use and protect their pocketbooks.

To get the most out of every gallon:

- Keep your car properly tuned up, and change the air filter regularly, both to save gas and protect your engine.
- Curtail aggressive driving. Speeding, rapid acceleration and rapid braking all waste gas.
- Slow down - speeding wastes gas. Each mile per hour you drive over 60 mph is like paying an extra 10 cents per gallon.
- Inflate tires to the proper setting.
- Use the recommended grade of motor oil to maximize fuel economy.
- If available, use your vehicle's overdrive gear when appropriate to reduce engine speed, save gas, and decrease engine wear.

The Alliance to Save Energy promotes energy efficiency worldwide. Energy efficiency is the cheapest and quickest way to extend our nation's energy supplies. To access their website, go to <http://www.ase.org/>.

As Chair of the Select Committee on Gasoline Competition, Marketing, and Pricing, rising gasoline prices is an issue I'm very concerned about. There will be another Committee hearing in April, during which we will carefully examine why prices are rising so quickly and to such levels. To access the web page for the Select Committee on Gasoline Competition, Marketing, and Pricing, go to <http://www.assembly.ca.gov/acs/newcomframeset.asp?committee=285>.

Free Brochures

I have many informative brochures on a variety of programs, including Neighborhood Watch, Senior Resources, and the State Budget Process. If you'd like any of this material, email me at Assemblymember.Kehoe@assembly.ca.gov and be sure to give your address so that I can mail it promptly.

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